

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel independent claims 47, 60, 84, 96, 101, 107, 113, 118, and 135 (as newly renumbered), dependent claims 7, 27, 28, 33, 35, 38, 43-46, 48, 50-59, 61-72, 76, 77, 79-81, 83, 85-93, 102-106, 114-117, 119-120, 127 (as newly renumbered), and 136-140 (as newly renumbered), without prejudice. Please add new claim 141. This leaves independent claims 1, 14, 24, 73, 94, 121, 128, and 141, and dependent claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-23, 25-26, 29-32, 34, 36-37, 39-42, 49, 74-75, 78, 82, 95, 97-100, 108-112, 122-126, 129-134 pending for examination.

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below and indicated as "currently amended." Also shown below are claims that may be original, previously amended, cancelled, withdrawn, previously added, new, reinstated, previously reinstated, and re-presented. Because of an error in the sequence of certain numbered claims as originally filed (there were two sequential claims, both numbered as claim 126), the text of all claims, including cancelled claims, is shown below so that claims may be referred to using the claim number as correctly indicated.

1. (currently amended) An adapter having an anchor rail mounting portion
configured to releasably mount to an associated article to an associated anchor
rail, the anchor rail ~~being~~ formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing
legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip,
the adapter configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger, the
adapter comprising:

 a mounting surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the article
support hanger to the adapter;

flanges depending from the mounting surface; and

mounting legs extending from the flanges, the mounting legs each having a hook-like portion for engaging ~~a~~ the corresponding ~~respective~~ rail lip, the hook-like portion extending substantially along a width of the mounting leg; and

the adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward ~~one~~ each another to facilitate insertion of ~~for inserting~~ a portion of the mounting legs into the U-shaped channel, the adapter further ~~and further~~ being resilient such that the hook-like portions biasingly ~~biasedly~~ engage the rail lips.

2. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting legs include an inwardly extending portion contiguous with a downwardly extending portion, and wherein the hook-like portion is formed at an end of the downwardly extending portion.

3. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including at least one binding element formed on at least one of the mounting legs cooperating with each hook-like portion to clamp the respective rail lip between the hook-like portion and the at least one binding element.

4. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 3 wherein the binding element is disposed on the inwardly extending portion.

5. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 4 wherein the binding element is a tab formed in the inwardly extending portion, the tab being defined by a pair of notches in the inwardly extending portion.

6. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 5 wherein the tab includes a downwardly bent portion configured to bite into a respective rail inwardly oriented wall.

7. (cancelled) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including an opening formed in the

adapter mounting surface.

8. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is a top surface.

9. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is planar.

10. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is curved.

11. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 17 including a collar depending from a periphery of the opening.

12. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 11 wherein the collar includes threads formed therein.

13. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 17 including a plurality of downwardly/inwardly oriented projections extending from a periphery of the opening.

14. (currently amended) An intermediate adapter configured to releasably mount for mounting an associated article to an associated anchor rail, the anchor rail being formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, the intermediate adapter further configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger, the intermediate adapter comprising:

a top surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the support hanger to the adapter;

flanges depending from the top surface;

means for ~~biasingly~~biasedly engaging the respective rail lips; and

means for binding on the anchor rail;

the intermediate adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward ~~one~~each another to facilitate insertion of ~~for inserting~~ a portion thereof into the U-shaped channel;

~~the means for~~ ~~biasingly~~biasedly effectively urging the flanges outwardly to engage

~~engaging the respective rail lips of the U-shaped channel; and~~

~~and urging the flanges outwardly to engage the U-shaped channel and the means for~~

binding on the anchor rail configured to engage ~~engaging~~ the anchor rail so as to inhibit movement of the intermediate adapter along the anchor rail.

15. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 14 wherein the top surface is a mounting surface.

16. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 14 including means for mounting the article support hanger ~~an associated article to the~~ intermediate adapter.

17. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 16 wherein the means for mounting includes the ~~an~~ opening in the top surface.

18. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 17 wherein the opening defines a collar.

19. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 18 wherein the collar has threads formed therein.

20. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 16 wherein the means for mounting includes frictional means.

21. (currently amended) The adapter in accordance with claim 20 wherein the

~~mounting~~ means for mounting is a plurality of projections.

22. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 16 wherein the top surface is curved.

23. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 22 wherein the means for mounting includes slots formed in the flanges.

24. (currently amended) A unitary resilient coupling for operatively coupling an associated article support hanger to a strut-type channel, the article support hanger configured to retain~~For retaining~~ a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, the unitary resilient coupling comprising:

~~or other article on a strut-type channel, a unitary resilient coupling having opposed legs with feet configured to securely lock into the channel when the legs are pinched and the coupling is inserted into the channel.~~

an article support hanger receiving portion configured to receive and releasably retain the associated article support hanger; and

opposed mounting legs having feet configured to engage corresponding channel lips of the strut-type channel to securely lock the unitary resilient coupling into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, and released so as to expand and biasingly contact the corresponding channel lips.

25. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said feet have hook-like portions for engaging ~~a lip on the channel lip~~.

26. (original) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said legs are configured to bite

into the channel and prevent slippage of the coupling along the channel.

27. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 24 including a provision for retaining the article on the channel.

28. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 27 wherein said provision is configured to support an article.

29. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim ~~27~~24 wherein said resilient coupling further provision comprises an opening adapted to be retentively engaged by ~~an~~ the article support hanger.

30. (original) The coupling defined by claim 29 wherein said opening is threaded.

31. (original) The coupling defined by claim 30 wherein said opening surrounded by a collar.

32. (original) The coupling defined by claim 30 wherein said opening is surrounded by radial friction tabs.

33. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 34 wherein said coupling comprises an adapter for supporting an article support.

34. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim ~~24-33~~ wherein said article support hanger is stackable to permit a number of said article support hangers ~~articles~~ to be daisy-chained on the channel.

35. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said coupling is configured to support an article between said legs.

36. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim ~~35~~24 wherein said coupling article support hanger is adapted to support articles of different diameter.

37. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 27~~24~~ wherein said ~~coupling~~
article support hanger is adapted to support articles of different types.

38. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 35 wherein said coupling has spring fingers
which support articles of different diameter.

39. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein the resilient
coupling is configured to snap into the channel.

40. (original) The coupling defined by claim 39 wherein said feet are configured such that
the legs are automatically pinched when the coupling is pushed into the channel.

41. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said ~~coupling~~
article support hanger is configured to support an article transverse to said legs.

42. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 41 having four legs, such that
two legs ~~engage~~engaging the channel on each side of the coupling-article.

43. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 41 wherein said coupling has spring fingers
which support articles of different diameter.

44. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 41 wherein said provision comprises an
opening adapted to be retentively engaged by an article support.

45. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 41 wherein said support is stackable.

46. (cancelled) The coupling defined by claim 44 wherein said provision comprises an
opening adapted to be retentively engaged by an article support.

47. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical,
pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, a unitary resilient
article support having opposed legs with feet configured to securely lock into the channel when

the legs are pinched and the coupling is inserted into the channel, and further configured to retain an article between said legs.

48. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 47 wherein said feet have hook-like portions for engaging a lip on the channel.

49. (currently amended) The resilient coupling ~~article support~~ defined by claim ~~24~~47 wherein said legs each have one or more integral outstruck tabs which act when the resilient coupling ~~article support~~ is engaged to bite into the channel and prevent slippage of the resilient coupling ~~article support~~ along the channel.

50. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 47 including a provision for supporting an a second article support on the article support .

51. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 50 wherein said provision comprises an opening.

52. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 50 wherein said opening is threaded.

53. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 50 wherein said opening is surrounded by a collar.

54. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 50 wherein said opening is surrounded by radial friction tabs.

55. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 50 wherein said second support is stackable to permit a number of articles to be daisy-chained on the channel.

56. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 47 wherein said coupling is adapted to support articles of different diameter.

57. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 56 wherein said article support has

spring fingers which support articles of different diameter.

58. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 47 configured to snap into the channel.

59. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 47 wherein said feet are configured such that the legs are automatically pinched when the coupling is pushed into the channel.

60. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, a unitary resilient article support having opposed legs with feet configured to securely lock into the channel when the legs are pinched and the coupling is inserted into the channel, and further configured to retain an article transverse to said legs.

61. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 60 wherein said feet have hook-like portions for engaging a lip on the channel.

62. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 60 wherein said legs each have one or more integral outstruck tabs which act when the article support is engaged to bite into the channel and prevent slippage of the article support along the channel.

63. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 60 including a provision for supporting an a second article support on the article support.

64. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 63 wherein said provision comprises an opening.

65. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 63 wherein said opening is threaded.

66. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 63 wherein said opening is surrounded by a collar.

67. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 63 wherein said opening is

surrounded by radial friction tabs.

68. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 63 wherein said second support is stackable to permit a number of articles to be daisy-chained on the channel.

69. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 60 wherein said coupling is adapted to support articles of different diameter.

70. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 69 wherein said article support has spring fingers which support articles of different diameter.

71. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 60 configured to snap into the channel.

72. (cancelled) The article support defined by claim 71 wherein said feet are configured such that the legs are automatically pinched when the coupling is pushed into the channel.

73. (currently amended) An assembly for retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented channel lip, the an assembly comprising:

a unitary resilient adapter having a hanger receiving portion;

an article support hanger configured to retain the waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article, and having a portion configured to be releasably received by the hanger receiving portion; and

the resilient adapter having opposed mounting legs with feet configured to engage the corresponding channel lip to securely lock the resilient adapter into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, and released so as to expand and biasingly contact the

~~corresponding channel lips, and the adapter is inserted into the channel, and~~

~~an article support configured to connect to said adapter.~~

74. (currently amended) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said article support hanger is configured to releasably engage said resilient adapter with a snap action.

75. (currently amended) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein adapter ~~has an opening, and wherein said article support hanger is adapted to lock into said hanger receiving portion opening.~~

76. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said support has a generally U-shaped resilient configuration with opposing legs structured to securely but releasably engage said adapter.

77. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 76 wherein said adapter has an opening which is engaged by barbed feet on said support legs.

78. (currently amended) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said article support hanger is stackable, having a provision for connecting a second article support hanger to itself to permit enable daisy-chaining of said article support hangers supports.

79. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 76 wherein said support is configured to retain an article between its legs.

80. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said adapter is configured to retain an article between its legs.

81. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said adapter is configured to retain an article transverse to its legs.

82. (currently amended) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said resilient

adapter and article support hanger are interconnected with a swivel joint, permitting articles to be supported at any angle with respect to the channel.

83. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 75 wherein said adapter and support are interconnected with a swivel joint, permitting articles to supported at any angle with respect to the channel.

84. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, an assembly comprising:
an adapter configured to securely lock into the channel; and
a resilient unitary article support having opposed legs structured when pinched to releasably connect to said adaptor.

85. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said support is configured to releasably engage said adapter with a snap action.

86. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein adapter has an opening, and wherein said support is adapted to lock into said opening.

87. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 86 wherein said adapter opening is engaged by barbed feet on said support legs.

88. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said support is stackable, having a provision for connecting a second support to itself to enable daisy-chaining of said supports.

89. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said support is configured to retain an article between its legs.

90. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said adapter and support are interconnected with a swivel joint, permitting articles to supported at any angle with respect to the

channel.

91. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 86 wherein said adapter and support are interconnected with a swivel joint, permitting articles to be supported at any angle with respect to the channel.

92. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said adapter is configured to retain an article between its legs.

93. (cancelled) The assembly defined by claim 84 wherein said adapter is configured to retain an article transverse to its legs.

94. (currently amended) A unitary resilient coupling for operatively coupling an associated article support hanger to a strut-type channel, the article support hanger configured to retain~~For retaining~~ a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented channel lip, the unitary resilient coupling comprising: on a strut-type channel,

an article support hanger receiving portion configured to receive and releasably retain the associated article support hanger; and

a unitary resilient coupling having opposed mounting legs with feet configured to engage corresponding channel lips of the strut-type channel to securely lock the unitary resilient coupling into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, the unitary resilient coupling configured and the coupling is inserted into the channel, said support being configured to snap into the channel.

95. (currently amended) The resilient coupling support defined by claim 94 wherein

said feet are configured such that the legs are automatically pinched when the coupling is pushed into the channel.

96. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, a stackable first article support of having a resilient, generally U-shaped body with legs which grip an article, the distal ends of the legs being structured to snap-lock onto a second article support, the first article support having a snap-in stacking provision.

97. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 96~~94~~, wherein the hanger receiving portion is an opening in a portion of resilient coupling, and ~~wherein the distal ends of the mounting legs are adapted to snap lock into the an opening channel, and wherein the provision comprises an opening.~~

98. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 97, wherein the opening is an aperture with a circular or other curved boundary.

99. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 98, wherein the aperture has a stiffening flange.

100. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 98, wherein the distal ends of the mounting legs have barbs with a cross-sectional curvature substantially matching a the curvature of the boundary along an the area of engagement with the aperture.

101. (cancelled) A stack of supports for retaining waveguide transmission lines, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility lines, or other articles on a strut-type channel, said supports comprising:

a first stackable snap-in article support having a generally U-shaped body with legs which grip an article, the distal ends of which legs being structured to snap-lock onto a second article support, the first support having a stacking provision; and

a second stackable snap-in article support snap-locked onto the stacking provision of the first article support.

102. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 101, wherein the distal ends of the legs are adapted to snap lock into an opening and wherein the provision comprises an opening.

103. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 101, wherein the distal ends of the legs and the stacking provisions are structured such that vibrations of the held articles are damped.

104. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 103, wherein the opening is an aperture with a circular or other curved boundary.

105. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 104, wherein the aperture has a stiffening flange.

106. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 104, wherein the distal ends of the legs have barbs with a cross-sectional curvature substantially matching the curvature of the boundary along the area of engagement with the aperture.

107. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, a support having a generally U-shaped body with legs which grip a transmission line, the distal ends of which legs have barbs structured to snap-lock onto an edge of an opening in a second article support, each barb having an edge-engaging surface which is serrated or notched.

108. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim ~~107~~⁹⁴, wherein the article support hanger includes a snap-in stacking provision.

109. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 108, wherein the snap-in stacking provision comprises an opening in a portion of the article support hanger adapted to be engaged by another snap-in article support hanger.

110. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 109, wherein the opening is an aperture with a circular or other curved boundary.

111. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 110, wherein the aperture has a stiffening flange.

112. (currently amended) The resilient coupling apparatus defined by claim 110, wherein the mounting legs have -barbs that have a cross-sectional curvature substantially matching at the curvature of at the boundary along an the area of engagement with the aperture.

113. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, an article support having a generally U-shaped body with legs which grip an article, the distal ends of which legs have barbs structured to snap-lock onto an edge of an opening in an article support, the support legs each having an outwardly extending brace which abuts the opposite surface of the edge from that engaged by a barb, the brace being rigid and structured to dig into, rather than slide along, the opposite surface when the support is side loaded.

114. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 113, wherein the brace has an out-turned side with a distal edge which makes point contact with the opposite surface when the support is side loaded.

115. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 114, wherein the brace has an in-turned side with a distal edge which engages the opposite surface, the out-turned and in-turned sides of the brace stiffening the brace and widening its footprint on the opposite surface.

116. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 113, wherein the support includes a snap-in stacking provision.

117. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 116, wherein the snap-in stacking provision comprises an opening adapted to be engaged by another snap-in support.

118. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, an article support having a generally U-shaped body with legs which grip an article, the distal ends of which legs have barbs structured to snap-lock onto an edge of an opening in an article support, the support legs each having means structured to abut the opposite surface of the edge from that engaged by a barb and create a fixed pivot point or line for the support when side loaded.

119. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 118, wherein the support includes a snap-in stacking provision.

120. (cancelled) The apparatus defined by claim 119, wherein the snap-in stacking provision comprises an opening adapted to be engaged by another snap-in support.

121. (currently amended) A method for operatively coupling an associated article support hanger to a strut-type channel, the article support hanger configured to retain For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented channel lip, the other

~~article on a strut type channel, a method comprising:~~

providing a unitary resilient coupling having opposed mounting legs with feet, the resilient coupling having an article support hanger receiving portion:

~~configured to securely lock into the channel;~~

pinching the mounting legs together;

inserting the ~~mounting coupling~~ legs into the channel; and

releasing the mounting legs so that the feet engage corresponding channel lips to securely lock the unitary resilient coupling into the channel.

122. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 121 including ~~a~~ providing a provision on said resilient coupling for retaining the article support hanger ~~an article~~ on the channel.

123. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 122 wherein said provision is configured to retain ~~an~~ the article support hanger.

124. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 123 wherein said provision comprises an opening adapted to be retentively engaged by ~~an~~ the article support hanger.

125. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 124 including inserting and retentively engaging ~~an~~ the article support hanger in said opening in said resilient coupling.

126. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 125 including configuring said article support hanger to be stackable, and including daisy-chaining a plurality of article support hangers ~~supports~~ to permit a number of articles to be stacked on the strut-type channel.

~~127+26.~~ (cancelled) The method defined by claim 121 including configuring said coupling to support an article between said legs.

128+27. (currently amended) A method for ~~For~~ operatively coupling an associated article
support hanger to a strut-type channel, the article support hanger configured to retain~~retaining~~a
waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other
article, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each
leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented channel lip on a
strut type channel, a the method comprising:

providing a unitary resilient adapter having opposed mounting legs with feet, the resilient
adapter having an article support hanger receiving portion; configured to securely lock into the
channel;

pinching the mounting legs together;

inserting the mounting adapter legs into the channel;

releasing the mounting legs so that the feet engage corresponding channel lips to securely
lock the resilient adapter into the adapter in the channel;

providing the an article support hanger, and

configured to connect to said adapter; and

mounting the attaching said article support hanger to the article support hanger receiving
portion of said adapter.

129+28. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 128+27 including configuring
said article support hanger to releasably engage said unitary resilient adapter with a snap action.

130+29. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 128+27 including configuring
said unitary resilient adapter to have an opening, configuring said article support hanger to have
legs with feet which lock into said opening, and retentively engaging said feet in said opening to

retain said article support hanger on said unitary resilient adapter.

131+30. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 128+27 including configuring said article support hanger to have a generally U-shaped resilient configuration with opposing support legs structured to securely but releasably engage said unitary resilient adapter, and retentively connecting said legs to said adapter.

132+31. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 131+30 including configuring said resilient adapter to have an opening which is engaged by barbed feet on said support legs of the article support hanger.

133+32. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 128+27 including configuring said article support hanger to be stackable, and to have a provision for connecting a second article support hanger to itself, said method including daisy-chaining said article support hangers supports on said unitary resilient adapter.

134+33. (currently amended) The method defined by claim 131+30 including configuring said article support hanger to retain an article.

135+34. (cancelled) For retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, a method comprising:

configuring an adapter to securely lock into the channel;

providing a resilient unitary article support having opposed legs with feet structured to engage said adapter;

pinching said legs;

inserting said feet into said adapter; and

releasing said legs to lock said support on said adaptor.

136~~135~~. (cancelled) The method defined by claim 135~~134~~ including configuring said support to releasably engage said adapter with a snap action.

137~~136~~. (cancelled) The method defined by claim 135~~134~~ including configuring said adapter to have an opening, configuring said support to lock into said opening, said method including retentively engaging said support in said adapter opening.

138~~137~~. (cancelled) The method defined by claim 137~~136~~ wherein said adapter opening is engaged by barbed feet on said support legs.

139~~138~~. (cancelled) The method defined by claim 135~~134~~ including configuring said support to be stackable, and to have a provision for connecting a second support to itself, said method including daisy-chaining said supports.

140~~139~~. (cancelled) The method defined by claim 138~~137~~ including configuring said support to retain an article.

141. (new) A resilient adapter configured to releasably mount to an associated anchor rail, the adapter having a provision for releasably retaining an article support hanger, the adapter having a pair of mounting legs configured to releasably engage a portion of the anchor rail.